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FIELD NOTES

MAY 29, 1969

WARDEN SUPERVISOR CHARLES TOBIE, WINTHROP, DIVISION B, MAY 18, 1969

SMELT RUNS WERE IRREGULAR AND GENERALLY POOR IN THIS DIVISION THIS SPRING, AS THEY WERE IN ADJOINING AREAS. PERHAPS THE UNUSUALLY HIGH WATER WAS IN PART RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS. WHITE PERCH ARE RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION AND BROOKS ARE BEGINNING TO PRODUCE TROUT. WARDEN WIN GORDON REPORTS FISHERMEN AT PEMAQUID AND BISCAY PONDS IN NOBLEBORO AND BRISTOL ARE CATCHING A LOT OF BROWN TROUT IN THE 1½ LB. CLASS, WHEN NOT HINDERED BY WINDY WEATHER. DEER ARE SHOWING UP WELL, ESPECIALLY IN THE MT. VERNON AREA, WHERE WARDEN GEORGE EDWARDS REPORTS UP TO 30 DEER BEING SEEN IN ONE SET OF FIELDS. IN SPITE OF THE SEVERE WINTER, WE HAD NO REPORTS OF DEER MORTALITY DUE TO STARVATION, ALTHOUGH THE DOZEN OR SO ATTRIBUTED TO UNKNOWN CAUSES COULD HAVE PERHAPS BEEN DUE IN PART TO STARVATION. HOWEVER, OF THE 200 DEER REPORTED DEAD DURING THE WINTER, 90% WERE KILLED BY DOGS OR CARS.

WARDEN OLIN JACKSON, SOUTH CHINA: ON MAY 13, I RECEIVED A CALL FROM A MAN IN SO. CHINA STATING THAT A BEAVER WAS IN HIS SHED. I WENT OVER, FOUND A LARGE BEAVER IN THE BUILDING, OPENED THREE DOORS, GOT A STICK, AND TRIED TO DRIVE HIM OUTSIDE. HE WAS NOT WILLING TO LEAVE. WITH THE HELP OF THE MAN, HIS WIFE, AND HIS SON, WE SHOVED HIM OUT THE DOORWAY AND CLOSED THE DOOR. HE TRIED TO GET BACK IN, BUT FINALLY WENT OUT TO THE ROAD, WHERE TRAFFIC STOPPED WHILE HE WENT OFF DOWN THE ROAD TO A LITTLE BROOK. HOPE HE FINDS A NEW HOME (OTHER THAN SOMEONE'S SHED).

WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALTER BISSET, ELLSWORTH, DIVISION C, MAY 25:

WARDEN DAVID MERCIER, ORRINGTON: SMELT RUNS AT MANN BROOK AND GREAT BROOK IN THE GREEN LAKE AREA WERE NOT TOO HEAVY THIS YEAR. THE FISHING DERBY ON MAY 4 AT PHILLIPS LAKE AND BEECH HILL LAKE WAS SUCCESSFUL DESPITE THE HIGH WIND CONDITIONS. SOME 20 BOATS ON PHILLIPS AND ABOUT 30 ON BEECH HILL. TWENTY-SIX WERE BROUGHT IN AT THE WEIGHING STATION FROM THE LAKES INCLUDED IN THE DERBY.

WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN SHAW, WILTON, DIVISION E, MAY 20:

WARDEN JOHN SWASEY, ANDOVER: FISHING IS STILL SLOW IN THIS DISTRICT, WITH THE WATER IN BROOKS VERY HIGH. THERE IS STILL SOME SNOW IN THE SOFTWOODS. WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: MAJOR LAKES AND PONDS ARE FREE OF ICE, BUT A LOT OF SNOW REMAINS IN THE CONIFEROUS GROWTH. WARM WEATHER AND RAIN HAS BROUGHT ALL BROOKS, STREAMS AND RIVERS TO FLOOD STAGE.

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WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, STOCKHOLM, DIVISION I, MAY 25:

THE ICE CLEARED COMPLETELY FROM ALL OF THE FISH RIVER LAKES IN THIS DIVISION ON MAY 14, 1969, 15 DAYS LATER THAN 1968. THE FISHING HAS BEEN EXCELLENT AT SQUARE LAKE SINCE ICE OUT. SALMON UP TO $6\frac{1}{2}$ POUNDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM SQUARE LAKE AND CROSS LAKE. MR. RAYMOND BROWN OF MADAWASKA CAUGHT A BROOK TROUT WEIGHING $5\frac{1}{2}$ POUNDS, AT LONG LAKE, MAY 24.

WE STILL HAVE EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH WATER IN THE FISH RIVER LAKES. I ASKED FRANK BOUCHER OF SINCLAIR WHEN HE HAD OBSERVED THE WATER AS HIGH IN LONG LAKE, AND WITHOUT ANY HESITATION, HE SAID IT WAS ABOUT THE SAME HEIGHT 33 YEARS AGO. THE REASON HE SAID HE REMEMBERED WAS BECAUSE HE HAD TO MOVE OUT OF HIS HOUSE AS HIS FLOOR HAD SEVEN TO EIGHT INCHES OF WATER OVER IT. IT WAS THE SAME THIS YEAR.

THE SMELT RUN HAS BEEN ABOUT AS POOR AS IT COULD BE WITH ANY RUN AT ALL. PERHAPS IT'S DUE TO THE HIGH WATER, PLUS A COLD SPRING. DEER HAVE BEEN SHOWING UP REAL WELL ALONG RTS. 161 AND 162. HARE ARE SHOWING UP BETTER THAN EVER ALONG THE HIGHWAYS. SOME ARE STILL A DIRTY WHITE, WHILE OTHERS HAVE ALREADY ACQUIRED THEIR SUMMER COLOR.

WARDEN DAN GLIDDEN REPORTED THAT ON MAY 21, THE WATER WAS FOUR FEET DEEP ON THE APPROACH TO THE INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO. BRIDGE ACROSS THE UMSASKIS - LONG LAKE THOROUGHFARE.

WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, BINGHAM, DIVISION J, MAY 21:

THE WARM WEATHER OVER THE WEEK END BROUGHT OUT THE FISHERMEN, BUT FISHING REMAINS SLOW, DUE IN PART TO COLD, HIGH WATER.

WARDEN NORMAN HARRIMAN, ROCKWOOD; LEE SIMPSON OF WINNETKA, ILL., STAYING AT McIVER'S CAMPS, REPORTED SEEING A GIANT WHOOPING CRANE LAND NEAR THE CAMPS AT THE MOUTH OF MOOSE RIVER. MR AND MRS. McIVER SAID IT STAYED LONG ENOUGH FOR THEM TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT IT. FISHING IS GOOD AT THE MOUTH OF MOOSE RIVER BUT NOT MUCH DOING IN THE RIVER ITSELF.